

Comments of Corey J. Conn to the U.S. Department of Energy  
on the occasion of a public hearing on the Draft EIS for the Nuclear Dump at or near Yucca  
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1 Thank you for this opportunity to enter my comments into the record. I am representing myself at this time. Yucca Mountain is clearly unsuitable. The transportation program envisioned in this EIS is remarkably similar to the spent fuel transports just recently accomplished in Germany. My comments are limited to concerns raised by the EIS in the area of highway and railroad transportation.

2... With reference to the March 4, 1997 nuclear waste transport From Walheim to Gorleben, in Germany, I will briefly cite seven observations made by and translated into English by the Committee for Civil Rights and Democracy and appearing in its brochure "Second Castor Transport to Gorleben - The Atomic State Shows its Force". For each, in turn, I will ask you to convey from me to the Atomic Energy authorities a specific appeal. Each appeal reflects my desire that the corresponding tactics, methods, and weapons NOT BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRANSPORTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WHERE SUCH TRANSPORTS ARE POPULARLY OPPOSED BY MASSES OF THE PEOPLE.

Gas either directly sprayed into people's faces or mixed into the watercannons' water (illegal in Lower Saxony)

*The use of chlorine-containing chemical weapons, such as CS Tear Gas should be prohibited. CS, in particular, has been associated with permanent scarring of the cornea, and it does not enhance protection of the biosphere from nuclear waste.*

Lacerations from nightsticks.

*Please don't instruct law enforcement and/or military escorts to hit anyone during the transports.*

Life-threatening injuries especially on heads and eyes.

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ZDF (German television) reporter Hans Kobestien is beaten up by policemen from Magdeburg (Monday, 3/3) Journalists are not allowed to come near the place.

*Please make an effort to work with independent print, video, radio, internet, and photojournalists to ensure the free dissemination of the status of popularly opposed transports, paying particular attention to the supplying of line-of-sight to permit photography of mass arrests. The virtual exclusion of journalists, ala the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms at Mt. Carmel should be avoided.*

Use of watercannons against protesters at night (temperature below zero Centigrade)

*The use of watercannons, of any kind, not limited to the variety which has removed bark*

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*from trees in the German shipping campaign, should be prohibited.*

Ambulance drivers and doctors are being hindered in their deeds, sometimes not let through to people who need their help.

*The prompt and unrestricted access of medical professionals, including first responders should not be impaired in an effort to push contested shipments to the Nevada Dump.*

Although almost 20,000 people demonstrated and protested peacefully against atomic energy, the federal government ignored that, also, and sent several police groups of a hundred which were especially trained to use violence.

*Please ensure that law enforcement and/or military escorts trained in the history and practice of non-violent civil disobedience.*

It is my hope that our nuclear waste policies will not be amended to permit this [Yucca Mountain] project to go forward. Thank you for your time.

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